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Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003

Support Passage of the Conference Report

May 22, 2003

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 870,000 restaurant locations nationwide, the National Restaurant Association offers its strong support for the conference report on the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003. A vote in support of this legislation will be considered a "key vote" by the Association.

As the nation's largest private-sector employer, with annual sales equaling more than \$420 billion, the restaurant industry has a tremendous impact on this nation's economy. The tax relief provided by this package will greatly benefit restaurant operators around the country, and the 11.7 million Americans they employ. Provisions to accelerate the individual rate cuts, expand the lower tax brackets, reduce the taxes on dividend income, increase small business expensing, and expand the bonus depreciation provisions will provide immediate relief to the restaurant industry. This tax package will help free up valuable resources that restaurateurs can use toward creating jobs, improving their facilities, and growing their businesses. Given the size and economic importance of our industry, the beneficial effects of any tax relief for restaurant employers and employees will be multiplied throughout the economy.

We strongly urge Congress to pass this legislation and provide this nation's employers with the resources necessary to grow the economy. **A vote in support of the conference report on the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003, will be considered a "key vote" by the National Restaurant Association.**

Sincerely,



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